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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 2 FEBRUARY 1960

PRESENT: 25X1A9a [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GG

Col. Haberer, Chief, Technical Division, ACSI, will be asked for quick support of work on Cuban urban centers.

b. D/GC

Tentative list of city plans has been received from DD/P; work to continue at the current rate of speed.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] have been requested to assist in a training program [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

c. D/GL

DD/P has requested the Map Library Division to store -- and service them with -- about 36,000 maps.

2. Travel Plans

a. D/GG 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] departed on 1 February for his area for his area familiarization trip to Africa.

It is planned to send 25X1A9a [REDACTED] on an area familiarization trip to the Far East.

b. D/GC
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25X1A9a [REDACTED] has returned from a formal training program in relief representation in Zurich; [REDACTED] is preparing to attend the International Cartography Course in Zurich in the near future.

25X1A9a c. D/GL

25X1A9a [REDACTED] will return from Copenhagen about 18 February.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has requested that we send [REDACTED] (and possibly [REDACTED]) to Cairo the first week of April to attend the PPO meeting. [REDACTED] indicated it might be possible to send [REDACTED] 25X1A9a he will follow through with [REDACTED] on this. 25X1A9a

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] reported on a conversation with Col. Taylor, in which it was indicated that [REDACTED] program is getting some feedback from the field which may result in requests for additional research support for JCS. This applies to [REDACTED] studies, which have been [REDACTED] received. It 25X1A9a [REDACTED] proposed that [REDACTED] meet with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] to discuss this before any response is made to the JCS in this matter.

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] was advised that a Master Sgt. Gionfreda will be in town late in March, at which time he will visit D/GL and D/GC, as well as [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

4. Problems

a. Europe Branch

There was discussion of the problem faced by the Europe Branch, D/GG, as a result of lack of manpower to cover their entire area of responsibility. This will result in continuing concentration on East Germany and Scandinavia, with a reduction of attention to the remainder of Europe.

b. GM Format

The question has been raised by the DCI's office as to the possibility of using shorter paper on our GM's. [REDACTED] asked 25X1A9a that the Divisions give this some thought, as it will probably be brought up at a later date by the Agency Publications Board.

25X1A9a 5. Mid-Year Budget Review

[REDACTED] gave each Division Chief a memorandum from St/A asking for the mid-year budget review. The Divisions were asked to review these, make any necessary notations, and return to St/A as requested.

6. Personnel Changes

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a. [REDACTED] the new Geographic Attache, has reported for duty and will be with us for briefing until about 1 April.

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b. [REDACTED] completed his tour of duty with the Agency on 24 January. The Special Center Room is presently unmanned, but will be taken care of by D/GG Intelligence Assistants as soon as this can be arranged. 25X1A9a

c. [REDACTED] formerly with D/GL, has been chosen to replace 25X1A9a [REDACTED] in D/GC. [REDACTED] is leaving on 8 February for ONE. 25X1A9a

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d. [REDACTED] has arrived in D/GG to fill one of the clerical vacancies.

25X1A9a 7. Travel to Dallas for AAG Meetings

[REDACTED] has spoken with Dr. Guthe regarding the possibilities of using an Agency plane for transportation to the Dallas AAG meetings. Dr. Guthe will take this up with the person responsible for the scheduling of the plane later on this week.

8. Atlases

a. China Atlas

The China Atlas has gotten an outstanding reception and sale. Commerce has requested another 200 copies, for which they already have orders. Present plans are to re-run the Atlas in 500 copies.

b. USSR Atlas

The USSR Atlas should go to Reproduction about 15 February.

25X1A9a⁹ GM Distribution

[REDACTED] reported that arrangements have been made for accounting for all copies of GM's, in consultation with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] Distribution on the unnumbered copies coming into D/GC will be telephoned to [REDACTED] (St/P/C). As requested at the last Staff 25X1A9a
25X1A9a Meeting, [REDACTED] will prepare a Memorandum of Record on this arrangement. [REDACTED] look into the possi- 25X1A9a
bilities of speeding up the regular distribution of GM's, which is made from Reproduction.

10. Town Plan Program

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has asked for an expression from us corroborating the value of the town plan program in order to legitimize his statements as to its value, as he has been having trouble justifying the program in Tokyo. It is proposed to have the AD/RR send a draft letter to Honolulu for their transmittal to G-2, USACRAPAC.

11. SOPRON Effort

25X1A9a [REDACTED] asked that a SOP be established for the handling of the 25X1A2d2 results of the [REDACTED], so that [REDACTED] can review all materials coming in.

12. Coordination of Requirements

25X1A9a [REDACTED] asked for specifics as to countries on which D/GL will need support on an ad hoc basis, in connection with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a will talk with his people about this, and discuss it further at the next Ch/G Staff Meeting.

13. Vital Storage

Map Library Division materials at Vital Storage will be moved to Record Center, but will be moved as is (not in boxes). [REDACTED] indicated 25X1A9a his need for more space at the Record Center; he will take this up with 25X1A9a [REDACTED] Chief, Record Center. [REDACTED] also asked whether it was 25X1A9a necessary to keep up the Vital Storage depository to the extent we have 25X1A9a been. [REDACTED] stated that there has been no change in this requirement, and that we were to continue expending the same effort to keep this collection up to date.